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1. DCM AND ECONOFF DISCUSSED NEW U.S. LEGISLATION AND OMANI BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL WITH COMMERCE MINISTER MOHAMMED ZUBAIR ON JULY 19. THIS WAS FOLLOWUP TO OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS YUSUF AL ALAWI (REF B). WE STRESSED THAT A MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE LEGISLATION IS WTO REMOVE AMERICAN FIRMS FROM THE ROLE OF POL-
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ICING A BOYCOTT OF A THIRD COUNTRY. THE USG WAS NOT TRYING TO INFRINGE UPON THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES. WE EMPHASIZED THE U. . DESIRE TO CONTINUE EXPANSION OF AMERICAN TRADE WITH THE ARAB WORLD.

2. ZUBAIR RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT OMANI BOYCOTT REGULATIONS SHOULD NOT HINDER TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED

STATES AND OMAN. SINCE JANUARY 1977, OMAN HAS ACCEPTED POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS OF ORIGIN. OMANI TENDERS AND CONTRACTS DO NOT REQUIRE FOREIGN FIRMS TO REFUSE TO DEAL WITH ISRAEL OR OTHER FOREIGN COMPANIES. WHILE OMANI LETTERS OF CREDIT REQUIRE THE EXPORTER TO NAME THE CARRYING VESSEL, THE SHIPPER IS NOT REQUIRED TO STATE THAT THE VESSEL IS NOT ON THE BLACKLIST. ZUBAIR SAID THAT THE BURDEN OF ENFORCING THE BOYCOTT WILL BE ENTIRELY ON THE OMANGOV, WHICH WILL APPROVE SUPPLIERS AND SHIPS AS NECESSARY, AND THE FOREIGN EXPORTER NEED NOT BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

3. ALTHOUGH OMAN IS BOUND BY THE DECISIONS OF THE ARAB LEAGUE ON BOYCOTT MATTERS, ZUBAIR STRESSED THAT OMAN AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES WANTED TO ESTABLISH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S. THEY DID NOT WANT "A FEW WORDS" TO BLOCK THE EXPANSION OF ARAB-AMERICAN TRADE. ZUBAIR WENT ON TO HAIL THE NEW SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS TOWARDS THE ARABS BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

4. COMMENT: ZUBAIR'S REMARKS INDICATE THAT CURRENT U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION SHOULD IMPOSE NO SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO EXPORTS TO OMAN, AND THAT AMERICAN BANKS SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN PROCESSING OMANI LETTERS OF CREDIT.

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